

# CLAIMS

5 1. A method of providing an interface that enhances a negotiation between agents,  
the method comprising:

displaying in the interface on-line during a negotiation process at least one  
parameter of an agent; and

modifying the parameter of the agent during negotiation.

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2. The method as in claim 1, wherein modifying the parameter of the agent includes:  
stopping the agent from furthering the negotiation;  
modifying at least one parameter of the agent; and  
re-launching the agent.

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3. The method as in claim 1, wherein modifying the parameter of the agent includes:  
modifying a behavior of the agent.

4. The method as in claim 1, wherein modifying the parameter of the agent includes:  
20 modifying a deadline of the agent.

5. The method as in claim 1, wherein modifying the parameter of the agent includes:  
modifying intervals of acceptability of the agent.

25 6. The method as in claim 1, wherein modifying the parameter of the agent includes:

modifying a weight parameter of the agent.

7. A computer accessible medium containing instructions therein which when executed by a processor causes the processor to perform a method of providing an interface that enhances a negotiation between agents, the method comprising:

displaying in the interface on-line during a negotiation process at least one parameter of an agent; and

modifying the parameter of the agent during negotiation.

8. The computer accessible medium as in claim 7, wherein modifying the parameter of the agent includes:

stopping the agent from furthering the negotiation;

modifying at least one parameter of the agent; and

re-launching the agent.

9. The computer accessible medium as in claim 7, wherein modifying the parameter of the agent includes:

modifying a behavior of the agent.

10. The computer accessible medium as in claim 7, wherein modifying the parameter of the agent includes:

modifying a deadline of the agent.

11. The computer accessible medium as in claim 7, wherein modifying the parameter of the agent includes:

modifying intervals of acceptability of the agent.

5 12. The computer accessible medium as in claim 7, wherein modifying the parameter of the agent includes:

modifying a weight parameter of the agent.

10 13. An apparatus for providing an interface that enhances a negotiation between agents, the apparatus comprising:

means for displaying in the interface on-line during a negotiation process at least one parameter of an agent; and

means for modifying the parameter of the agent during negotiation.

15 14. The apparatus as in claim 13, wherein modifying means include:

means for stopping the agent from furthering the negotiation;

means for modifying at least one parameter of the agent; and

means for re-launching the agent.

20 15. The apparatus as in claim 13, wherein modifying means include:

means for modifying a behavior of the agent.

16. The apparatus as in claim 13, wherein modifying means include:

means for modifying a deadline of the agent.

17. The apparatus as in claim 13, wherein modifying means include:  
means for modifying intervals of acceptability of the agent.

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18. The apparatus as in claim 13, wherein modifying means include:  
means for modifying a weight parameter of the agent.